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1. Applicant's arguments, see paper #21, filed December 10, 2003, with respect to the notice of abandonment have been fully considered and are persuasive. The abandonment of October 28, 2003 has been withdrawn.

2. The period for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered July 24, 2003 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(c).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 3-12 and 26-23 provided the following formal matters are promptly corrected: the allowed claims are placed in independent form. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

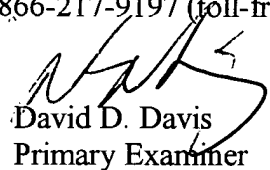
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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David D. Davis whose telephone number is (703) 308-1503. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday between 9:30-6:00.

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